Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the third leading cause of death by disease; and,

WHEREAS, Over 35,000 South Dakota children and adults have diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, Twelve million Americans suffer from diabetes and over five million Americans are not aware of their illness; and,

WHEREAS, Over 19 billion annually is used for health care costs, disability payments, and premature mortality costs due to diabetes; and,

WHEREAS, Up to 85 percent of all cases of non-insulin-dependent diabetes may be preventable through greater public understanding, awareness, and education; and,

WHEREAS, Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney disease, heart disease, stoke, birth defects, and lower life expectancy, which complications may be reduced through greater patient and public understanding, awareness, and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2, 1987, as

HELP US GROW--BUY AN ADA GERANIUM DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE